

PRAYER STUDY #93

HOPE

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason for **the hope that is in you**, with meekness and fear...*

1st Peter 3:15

The two main sources of the hope that is in you:

A. IN HIS NAME-*I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints. Psalm 52:9 In His name the nations will put their hope. Matthew 12:21*

Until John 14, according to Andrew Murray, “the disciples had not asked in the Name of Christ, nor had He Himself ever used the expression....Here in His parting words, He repeats the word unceasingly in connection with those promises of unlimited meaning, *Whatsoever, Anything, What you will*, to teach them and us! that His Name is our *only*, but also our *all sufficient* plea. The power and the answer depend upon the right use of the name.”

The Name of the Lord:

1. Lets joy come to the believer-Psalm 5:11, 33:21
2. Is the Lord's defense against enemies-Psalm 20:1, 44:5
3. Gives the Lord's inheritance to the believer-Psalm 61:5
4. Causes us to dwell in Zion-Psalm 69:35-36
5. Purges us from our sin-Psalm 79:9
6. Brings deliverance-Psalm 79:9
7. Expedites an answer from the Lord-Psalm 99:6
8. Blesses those who come in His Name-Psalm 118:26a
9. Helps us keep His law-Psalm 119:55
10. Brings the Lord's Mercy-Psalm 119:132
11. Helps the believer in times of trouble-Psalm 124:8
12. Cast out demons-Mark 16:17

Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His Name.

Malachi 3:16

THE JEHOVAH COMPOUND NAMES

1. **JEHOVAH-ELOHIM:** The Self-existent One, the Eternal Creator-Genesis 2:4-25
2. **ADONAI-JEHOVAH:** The Lord, our Sovereign Master-Genesis 15:2, 8
3. **JEHOVAH-JIREH:** The Lord, our Provider-Genesis 22:8-14
4. **JEHOVAH RAPHA:** The Lord, our Healer-Exodus 15:26
5. **JEHOVAH NISSI:** The Lord, our Banner or Victor-Exodus 17:15
6. **JEHOVAH MCKADDESH:** The Lord, our Sanctifier-Leviticus 20:8
7. **JEHOVAH SHALOM:** The Lord, our Peace-Judges 6:24
8. **JEHOVAH TSIDKENU:** The Lord, our Righteousness-Jeremiah 23:6
9. **JEHOVAH SABBAOTH:** The Lord of Hosts-1st Samuel 1:3
10. **JEHOVAH SHAMMAH:** The Lord, Ever present-Ezekiel 48:35
11. **JEHOVAH ROHI:** The Lord, my Shepherd-Psalm 23:1

Remember that as these names were given to physical Israel in the Old Testament, New Testament believers-i.e., *you and I*-are spiritual Israel(see 1st Corinthians 10, Ephesians 2:12, Galatians 6:16), and ALL THAT JEHOVAH WAS TO THEM, JESUS IS TO US. I would encourage you to call on these names to fit your particular need. For example, pray to Him as Jehovah Rapha when you need a healing or Jehovah Jireh when you need provision.

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B. IN HIS WORD: *I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word. Psalm 119:147*

"We believe God's Word and know it is TRUE. Jeremiah 1:12 says God watches over His Word to perform it, and Isaiah 55:11 says His Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish what it is sent to do. Knowing this, we can pray the Word about a situation and expect God-kind of results. The person we pray for has a free choice whether to accept what God has for them, and, by praying the Word on their behalf, we give them the benefit of choosing either life or death, blessing or cursing, going God's way or their own way(Deuteronomy 30:19). As we confess His Word, believe it, read it, speak it, and act on it, we begin to merge with it, and it becomes our way of life. As we live the Word, His strength, His ability, His peace, His love, His joy, His confidence and His faith become ours. As we pray His Word, the weary ones, the weak ones, the deceived ones, the sick ones will be ministered to, protected by and brought gently to our Good Shepherd."

Pat Carver

Special WORD Scriptures

1. Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses(all but just a couple refer to the Word of God). Verse 9 tells us that the Word cleanses us(This is typed by the brazen laver filled with water with which the priest washed himself in the Old Testament Tabernacles). Verse 24 tells us that the Word is our counselor. Verse 105 tells us that the Word is our guide. Verse 165 tells us that the Word gives us peace.
2. Psalm 107:20: *He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from all their destructions. Matthew 8:8*
3. Parable of the sower: Mark 4 and Luke 8: *Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rocks are they who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy, and these have no root, who for a while believe, and in time of testing fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who, when they have heard, go forth and are chocked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground are they who, in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience.*
4. John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
5. Ephesians 6:17: *...the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.*



Other Sources of Hope:

- C. YOUR BLAMELESS WAYS:** *Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope? Job 4:6*
- D. NOT FORGETTING GOD:** *Such is the destiny of all who forget God; so perishes the hope of the godless. Job 8:13*
- E. THE LORD:** *Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:24*
- F. HIS UNFAILING LOVE:** *But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love. Psalm 33:18*
- G. GOD:** *Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:5, 42:11, 43:5, 62:5*
- H. THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

OTHER KEY SCRIPTURES ON HOPE

Proverbs 13:12-*Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.*

Isaiah 40:31- *But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (NIV)*

Jeremiah 29:11- *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Lamentations 3:25- *The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him....*

Matthew 12:21-*In His Name the nations will put their hope.*

Romans 8:24-25-*For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.*

Romans 15:4- *For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

Romans 15:13- *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

1st Corinthians 13:13-*And not these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

Colossians 1:27-*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

1st Timothy 6:17-*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

Titus 2:13- *While we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 11:1-*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

1 John 3:3- *Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.*

A Few of My Own "Hope" Scriptures

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer worm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord, your God, who hath dealt wondrously with you, and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of

Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else, and my people shall never be ashamed. Joel 2:23-27

I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. Hosea 13:5

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto those who mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. Isaiah 60:1-2

The Lord, thy God, in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Behold among the nations and regard and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. Habbakkuk 1:5

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7

Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants, the prophets. Amos 3:7

It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.